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Statement by Council President Steve Silverman on Governor Robert Ehrlich's Proposed Budget

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"Governor Ehrlich's proposed budget only papers over the gaping holes in Maryland's state budget shortfalls while shifting a world of hurt onto our local governments. If this budget is enacted, Montgomery County will lose up to \$30 million in critically needed funding for our schools, traffic congestion relief, and preservation of open space.

"Far from making the tough choices that these fiscally challenging times demand, Governor Ehrlich has decided to punt on third down and then pull his team off the field, leaving us locals to play defense. If this is what passes for leadership in Annapolis, it's going to be a long, long session.

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